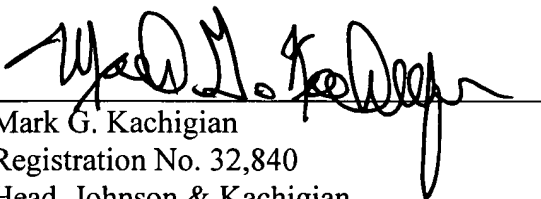


REMARKS

This amendment is made in response to the Office Action dated 9/29/04 wherein Examiner Hewitt rejected Applicant's Amendment dated June 21, 2004 for failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c), section (4). The text has been removed from canceled claims 1-8, 12-13, 15-17 and 20.

It is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If any further issues remain, a telephone conference with the Examiner is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark G. Kachigian', is written over a horizontal line.

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